

Monday 19 December 2022 at 2.30pm

Lord Verdirame, and

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest will be introduced.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Dubs** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of hospital beds currently occupied by patients who could be discharged to their own homes or to residential care if social care support were available.

***Lord Balfe** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans the Prime Minister has to meet representatives of the Trades Union Congress, as well as individual trade unions, in the light of the current economic situation.

***Lord Robathan** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the deployment of military personnel over Christmas to replace Border Force staff, ambulance drivers, and other public sector workers taking industrial action; and what plans they have to give those military personnel additional pay.

***Baroness Meacher** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to fund research into the health impact of plastic through a new National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund.

Public Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2022 Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 8 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (Transfer of Functions) Order 2023 Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 8 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

Lord Callanan intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

Product Safety and Metrology (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 Lord Callanan to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 14 November be approved. *20th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 Lord Callanan to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 21 November be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 13 December*

†§**National Security Bill** Committee [Lord Sharpe of Epsom] *10th Report from the Constitution Committee, 20th Report from the Delegated Powers Committee, 5th Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights*

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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Bills marked § have been set down before the expiry of the recommended minimum interval between stages.

[†] indicates that the member concerned has a relevant registered interest.



Baroness Hooper to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve trade and investment relations with countries in Central America. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)

Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Energy Bill [HL] Committee (day 5) [Lord Callanan]

Future Business

Tuesday 20 December 2022 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask His Majesty's Government what actions they have taken in response to the recommendation of the Boardman Report into the Development and Use of Supply Chain Finance (and Associated Schemes) in Government, published in September 2021, that they should consult on (1) whether think tanks, research institutes and lobbying academics should be required to disclose their sources of funding, and (2) whether there are circumstances when they ought to be required to register as consultant lobbyists.

***Baroness Randerson** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to improve rail services in Great Britain.

***Lord Londesborough** to ask His Majesty's Government how many bilateral free trade agreements they expect to sign in the next 24 months.

†***Lord Davidson of Glen Clova** to ask His Majesty's Government whether they have revised their policy towards cryptocurrencies following the collapse of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX.

Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2022 Lord Sharpe of Epsom to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 17 November be approved. *19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2022 Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 23 November be approved.

Finance Bill Second Reading (*and remaining stages*) [Lord Harlech] (*Supply and Money Bill*)

Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 11.00am

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Palmer of Childs Hill** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to reduce exposure to traffic-related air pollution, given its links to a range of health risks including cardiovascular, respiratory, and neurological health conditions.

***Lord Ravensdale** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the achievability of their target to decarbonise the electricity system by 2035.

***Baroness Taylor of Stevenage** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to support women in Iran fighting for basic human rights; and what representations they have made to the government of that country in relation to mass arrests of those demonstrating for such rights.

Topical oral question. Ballot to be drawn at 1pm on Monday 19 December.

It is expected that the Committee stage of the National Security Bill will continue.

Lord Bird to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made, if any, of the savings that might be realised by their cross-government cost-cutting exercise. (*Lunch break business, 1 hour*)

Monday 9 January 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Campbell-Savours** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to revise the employment contracts for police officers.

***Lord Grocott** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to review the current balance between members of the House of Lords who take the Conservative whip and those who take the whip of the Official Opposition.

***Lord Harries of Pentregarth** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the long-term need for foodbanks.

†***Baroness Hayman of Ullock** to ask His Majesty's Government when they expect to lay their final environmental principles policy statement before Parliament; and why this process has been subject to delay.

The Senior Deputy Speaker intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.

House of Lords Commission The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Touhig.

Services The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall be appointed a member of the Select Committee, in place of Lord Touhig; and that Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall be appointed chair of the Select Committee.

Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 2.30pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Howarth of Newport** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the practice of 'greenwashing' by businesses; and what steps, if any, they intend to take to tackle it.

***Lord Singh of Wimbledon** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the working of the prison chaplaincy service; and in particular, the extent to which representatives of all faiths are included in the discussions of the Prison and Probation Service's Chaplaincy Council.

***Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to create a new single Public Service Ombudsman for England (and reserved UK matters) with modernised powers in line with the Venice Principles of international best practice standards, endorsed by the United Kingdom in United Nations resolution A/RES/75/186.

Topical oral question. Ballot opens at 3pm on Wednesday 4 January, to be drawn at 1pm on Friday 6 January.

Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Holmes of Richmond** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that all financial services are accessible and inclusive, including ATMs and point of sale terminals.

***Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they intend to take in response to the report by the Independent Commission for Aid Impact *UK aid to Afghanistan: Country portfolio review*, published on 24 November; and in particular, its assessment that “channelling funding in such high volumes through weak state institutions distorted the political process and contributed to entrenched corruption”.

***Baroness Wheeler** to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to ensure that social care is sufficiently represented within Integrated Care Systems.

Thursday 12 January 2023 at 11.00am

Baroness O’Grady of Upper Holloway will be introduced.

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe** to ask His Majesty’s Government whether they have any plans to increase the top rate of the new alcohol duty bands, forecasted to take effect from August 2023.

***Lord Carrington** to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the demand and supply of housing in the private rented sector in the implementation of their housing policy.

***Lord Kennedy of Southwark** to ask His Majesty’s Government when they plan to introduce legislation to address issues faced by residential leaseholders.

Select Committee Reports

The date on which the report was published is in italics.

Baroness Lane-Fox of Soho to move that this House takes note of the Report from the COVID-19 Committee *Beyond Digital: Planning for a Hybrid World* (1st Report, Session 2019–21, HL Paper 263). 21 April 2021

Lord Willis of Knaresborough to move that this House takes note of the Report from the National Plan for Sport and Recreation Committee *A national plan for sport, health and wellbeing* (HL Paper 113), Session 2021–22. 10 December 2021

Lord Blencathra to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee *Democracy Denied? The urgent need to rebalance power between Parliament and the Executive* (12th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 106). 24 November 2021

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee *Government by Diktat: A call to return power to Parliament* (20th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 105). 24 November 2021

Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Risk Assessment and Risk Planning Committee *Preparing for Extreme Risks: Building a Resilient Society* (HL Paper 110), Session 2021–22. 3 December 2021

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Central bank digital currencies: a solution in search of a problem?* (3rd Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 131). 13 January

Lord Patel to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Science and Technology Committee *Nature-based solutions for climate change: rhetoric or reality?* (2nd Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 147). 27 January

Lord Jay of Ewelme to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *Report from the Sub-Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland: Scrutiny of EU legislative proposals within the scope of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland* (5th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 177). 22 March

The Earl of Kinnoull to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *One year on—Trade in goods between Great Britain and the European Union* (4th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 124). 16 December 2021

Baroness Taylor of Bolton to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Constitution Committee *Respect and Co-operation: Building a Stronger Union for the 21st century* (10th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 142). 20 January

Lord Hollick to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Industry and Regulators Committee *The net zero transformation: delivery, regulation and the consumer* (1st Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 162). 4 March

The Earl of Kinnoull to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *Citizens' Rights* (1st Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 46). 23 July 2021

Lord Jay of Ewelme to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *Report from the Sub-Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland: Follow-up report* (2nd Report, HL Paper 57). 27 July

Lord Bridges of Headley to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Investing in energy: price, security, and the transition to net zero* (1st Report, HL Paper 49). 21 July

The Earl of Kinnoull to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Affairs Committee *The UK–EU relationship in financial services* (1st Report, HL Paper 21). 23 June

Baroness Andrews to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee *Common frameworks: an unfulfilled opportunity?* (1st Report, HL Paper 41). 15 July

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Liaison Committee *The Ties that Bind: Citizenship and Civic Engagement in the 21st Century Follow-up report* (5th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 179). 29 March

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Liaison Committee *The Licensing Act 2003: post-legislative scrutiny Follow-up report* (2nd Report, HL Paper 39). 11 July

Motions Relating to Delegated Legislation

Lord Davies of Brixton to move that this House regrets that the measures proposed by His Majesty’s Government in the National Health Service Pension Schemes (Member Contributions etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022/1028) are insufficient to address fully the problems with staff retention in the NHS arising from the NHS pension arrangements that are described as a “national scandal” by the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee in its report, *Workforce: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care*. 15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Lord Snape to move that this House regrets that the Railways (Penalty Fares) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022/1094) increase penalty fares at a time of substantial disruptions on many services, in particular those of Avanti West Coast, and of continuing customer confusion over complex and differing ticket pricing arrangements from different train companies in a system described as “too fragmented, too complicated, and too expensive to run” by the Department for Transport and the Williams Rail Review in its report, *Great British Railways: The Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail*; and calls on the Government to urgently bring forward promised legislation as part of its promise to simplify complex ticketing arrangements. 17th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to move that this House regrets that the changes to dental contracts in the National Health Service (Primary Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022/1132) will not have a significant impact on improving access to dental treatment whilst current workforce shortages persist. 18th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Baroness Randerson to move that this House regrets that the Subsidy Control (Information-Gathering Powers) (Modification) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022/1152) remove important requirements to consult the devolved governments in relation to subsidy control policy and undermine a United Kingdom wide approach to the regulation of subsidies. 19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Lord Paddick to move that this House regrets that the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code A) Order 2022 does not restrict the powers of police constables to stop and search people without suspicion to those limited geographic areas piloting Serious Violence Reduction Orders, but instead permits all police constables in England and Wales to make use of this power during the time of the pilot. 15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Questions for Short Debate

These Questions for Short Debate were drawn in the ballot on Wednesday 9 November in line with the recommendations of the 1st Report of the Procedure and Privileges Committee (Session 2021–22, HL Paper 41). These questions may be used as dinner break business or last business if time is available.

Lord Patel to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to improve cancer outcomes, including by (1) dealing with the backlog of patients waiting for care, (2) promoting research, and (3) implementing preventative measures to reduce incidence of cancers.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty’s Government what representations they are making to the government of Ethiopia to secure peace in the Tigray region.

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the research ‘Bearing the burden of austerity: how do changing mortality rates in the UK compare between men and women?’ published in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* on 4 October.

The Lord Bishop of Exeter to ask His Majesty’s Government how they are supporting civil society in running (1) food banks, and (2) warm hubs, this winter.

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty’s Government why they used a Memorandum of Understanding rather than a treaty as a vehicle for the agreement with Rwanda on the transfer of asylum seekers.

Questions for Short Debate ballot entries

The ballot for four Questions will close on Tuesday 20 December and will be drawn on Wednesday 21 December for debate on Thursday 12 January. Time limit 1 hour.

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made in reorganising acute stroke services to a 24/7 networked approach, to enable local systems to deliver the National Stroke Service Model. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

The Earl of Caithness to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to approve the use of herbicides for the control of bracken. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*)

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty’s Government what they are doing to alleviate the consequences of the famine in the Horn of Africa. (*Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office*)

Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the paper by the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health *Bearing the burden of austerity: how do changing mortality rates in the UK compare between men and women?* published on 4 October. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Warner to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made in establishing NHS (1) diagnostic, and (2) surgical hubs; and what steps they have taken to recruit the required health and social care staff for the next decade. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to ask His Majesty’s Government why they used a Memorandum of Understanding rather than a treaty as the vehicle for the agreement with Rwanda on the transfer of asylum seekers. *7th Report from the International Agreements Committee (Home Office)*

Lord Hay of Ballyore to ask His Majesty’s Government what progress they have made towards implementing *The Dunlop Review into UK Government Union Capability*, published on 24 March 2021. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty’s Government, given the upcoming nursing strikes, what steps they are taking to improve the wellbeing and retention rates among NHS staff. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Crisp to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health *Probable Futures and Radical Possibilities*, published on 13 July; and what plans they have to develop the roles of NHS staff to fit the changing health needs which that report describes. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Popat to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to (1) raise awareness among United Kingdom businesses of commercial opportunities in African markets, and (2) support United Kingdom exports to Africa. (*Department for International Trade*)

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty’s Government what their new policy of “robust pragmatism” towards the government of China, as announced by the Prime Minister on 28 November, will mean in practice. (*Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office*)

Baroness McIntosh of Pickering to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have for the delivery of health care in rural areas. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Mann to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking in response to the prevalence of cocaine use by young people. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Lord Leigh of Hurley to ask His Majesty’s Government what further fiscal steps they will take to facilitate the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). (*Treasury*)

Lord Cormack to ask His Majesty’s Government what support they are offering to the government of Ukraine to restore (1) buildings of historic importance which have been damaged, and (2) museum collections which have been pillaged, since the Russian invasion of that country in February. (*Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office*)

Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking (1) to increase the supply, and (2) to improve the quality, of homes that people want, in the places they want to live, while ensuring that development does not adversely affect existing communities. (*Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*)

Lord Oates to ask His Majesty’s Government what plans they have to work with other Commonwealth nations to block Zimbabwe’s readmission into the Commonwealth until it is compliant with the principles of the Commonwealth’s 1991 Harare Declaration. (*Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office*)

Lord Randall of Uxbridge to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the outcome of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference: COP15, held in Montreal between 7 and 19 December; and to what extent the United Kingdom is fulfilling all of its international obligations to protect biodiversity. (*Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*) [1]

Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of radiotherapy services and sessions for cancer patients in hospitals in England; and what plans they have for further financial investment in such services. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

Baroness Bakewell to ask His Majesty’s Government what steps they are taking to support life long learning in the working population. (*Department for Education*)

Baroness Andrews to ask His Majesty’s Government what assessment they have made of the state of adult social care; and what plans they have, if any, to increase support for (1) unpaid carers, and (2) people who draw on care. (*Department of Health and Social Care*)

†**Baroness Royall of Blaisdon** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the *Super-complaint on the police response to stalking*, published on 30 November, and submitted by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, on behalf of the National Stalking Consortium; and what steps they are taking (1) to improve the investigation of stalking crimes, and (2) to implement adequate protection for victims. (*Home Office*)

†**Baroness Cox** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Genocide Warning issued by Genocide Watch in September in relation to attacks from Azerbaijan on Armenian citizens in Nagorno-Karabakh; and what steps they are taking to address suffering in that region. (*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office*)

†**Viscount Waverley** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure there is a cross-government vision for trade and for driving global growth. (*Department for International Trade*)

Questions for Written Answer

Tabled on 16 December and due for answer by 4 January 2023.

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the recent protests at the Chinese Consulate in Manchester, what representations they have made to overseas governments on sharing information about the six Chinese diplomats recently withdrawn from the UK by the government of China, in the event that those individuals are redeployed to a third country. HL4352

Lord Alton of Liverpool to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Haiti, including reports of hunger and acute food insecurity in the Cité Soleil neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince. HL4353

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government, with regards to the reported contaminated air incidents on British Airways flight 286 on 25 October 2016 and British Airways flight 422 on 5 August 2019, what medical follow up checks have been conducted on passengers involved; and whether passengers were informed what chemicals they were exposed to during the flight. HL4354

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of exposure to engine oil and hydraulic fluid among airline crews; and what plans they have to fund research into the issue of exposure, which can lead to the condition Organophosphorus Ester-Induced Chronic Neurotoxicity. HL4355

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether exposure to synthetic jet engine oil and hydraulic fluids or their decomposition products poses any risk to unborn children. HL4356

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recommendations made by the Air Accident Investigation Branch that all aircraft should have contaminated air warning systems fitted; and what steps they are taking to introduce this technology for UK-registered aircraft. HL4357

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure UK airlines provide the training to flying staff that is outlined in Circular 344 of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, Guidelines on Education, Training and Reporting Practices related to Fume Events. HL4358

Lord Hannan of Kingsclere to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Georgia regarding the continuing detention of Mikheil Saakashvili, whose health has reported to have "deteriorated sharply"; and what plans they have to encourage that government to release him on humanitarian grounds. HL4359

Baroness Kennedy of Cradley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of bluefin tuna in the waters around the UK. HL4360

Baroness Kennedy of Cradley to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the number of people in modern slavery in the UK. HL4361

Baroness Kennedy of Cradley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effectiveness of section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 in driving slavery out of supply chains. HL4362

Baroness Kennedy of Cradley to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the risks to investors following the collapse of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX. HL4363

Baroness Kennedy of Cradley to ask His Majesty's Government how much funding is available to eligible farmers from the Slurry Infrastructure Grant; and what support they are providing to assist applicants with that process. HL4364

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase the number of tax compliance investigations. HL4365

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government how many criminal prosecutions for tax offences have been undertaken by HMRC each year since 2010 up until the last year for which records are available. HL4366

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of self-assessment as a mechanism for ensuring the collection of all taxes owed to HMRC. HL4367

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of the adequacy of the bands used for calculating council tax. HL4368

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what recent assessment they have made of business rates and the case for reform. HL4369

Lord Kennedy of Southwark to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the amount of money collected by local authorities through fees and charges that are not council tax, business rates and rents for social housing. HL4370

Lord Leong to ask His Majesty's Government, following the protests outside the Chinese Consulate in Manchester, what steps they are taking to protect (1) British citizens protesting peacefully in the UK against the government of China, and (2) Chinese protestors living in the UK. HL4371

Lord Leong to ask His Majesty's Government how many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have participated in the 'Help to Grow' scheme since its launch; and how much has been spent on that scheme. HL4372

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland about appointments made by him; whether any such discussions included (1) disqualifying factors for prospective employees, and (2) the need to seek employment references prior to appointment; and if so, what were the results of those discussions. HL4373

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government whether individuals awaiting the outcome of gross misconduct hearings conducted by the Independent Office for Police Conduct are eligible for appointment to roles (1) in the police service, or (2) in the offices of Police and Crime Commissioners. HL4374

Lord Lexden to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with the Independent Office for Police Conduct about the timing for the publication of the report on Mr Mike Veale, which was completed in February 2021; and whether they received any indication on when it will be published. HL4375

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to resolve current supply issues limiting the availability of many prescription medicines, including antibiotics for the treatment of Group A Streptococcus; and how many prescription medicines in England currently have longer than average fulfilment times. HL4376

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government whether the illicit use of fentanyl and fentanyl analogues has increased since 2019; how many deaths there have been since 2019 where illicit fentanyl is known to have contributed to the cause of death; and what steps they are taking to prevent the advertising and sale of these substances. HL4377

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to support the peace accord between Tigray leaders and the Ethiopian federal government signed in South Africa on 2 November. HL4378

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current political and security situation in Kodok, South Sudan; and what support they are providing to the UN peacekeeping force in that area. HL4379

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government how many households have benefited from the Homelessness Prevention Grant since it was launched in December 2021. HL4380

The Marquess of Lothian to ask His Majesty's Government what is the average waiting time between requesting an assessment and an Education, Health and Care Plan being issued; which local authorities have the longest assessment, planning and review processing times for these plans; and what plans they have, if any, to change statutory timelines for the delivery of these plans. HL4381

Lord Mawson to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the level of gritting of (1) roads, and (2) pavements, during icy weather. HL4382

Lord Mawson to ask His Majesty's Government what financial support they provide to local authorities to ensure that they have the resources to grit roads and pavements adequately during icy weather; and whether there has been any change in the level of the resources provided in the last three years. HL4383

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government whether they collect data on the religious affiliation of civil servants in the Home Office. HL4384

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government whether they collect data on the religious affiliation of immigrants upon arrival to the UK. HL4385

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government whether Muslims entering the UK for permanent settlement face the same (1) security, and (2) language, tests, as those of other faiths. HL4386

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the recent publication of the 2021 Census, whether they have made any forecast of when they estimate that the local authority population of Birmingham will be majority Muslim. HL4387

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government who is the chair of the Mid-Term Review of the BBC, announced by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on 26 May; and what are the names of the departmental officials that comprise the review body. HL4388

Lord Pearson of Rannoch to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Penn on 14 December (HL3949), whether they will list in a table the various constituent parts of the UK's financial commitments to the EU that the payment of c.£11bn sought to settle; and how much of that c.£11bn relates to each of those parts. HL4389

Lord Roberts of Llandudno to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Scott of Bybrook on 15 December (HL3951), whether this advice regarding the flying of flags of countries other than the UK or Ukraine also applies to (1) Northern Ireland, (2) Scotland, and (3) Wales. HL4390

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to expand the National School Breakfast Programme. HL4391

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government what estimate they have made of the number of children under five years old who benefit from the provision of free school milk; and what plans they have to expand that provision. HL4392

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government why screening of malnutrition is not standard practice in all health settings across England. HL4393

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, following the Prime Minister's statement on illegal migration on 13 December, whether they will respond to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' appeal to the UK to uphold its legal obligations. HL4394

The Lord Bishop of St Albans to ask His Majesty's Government, following the UK–Albania announcement on a joint task force against illegal migration, how many British caseworkers will be sent to Tirana; and how much is the total cost of the policy. HL4395

Viscount Waverley to ask His Majesty's Government whether they keep records of how often, following a visa application being authorised, the documents are returned to the applicant to allow for travel in time for the start date for which the visa has been sought; if so, (1) how often the authorised documents are returned within this period, and (2) what proportion of all visa applications this represents; and if they do not maintain such records, whether they will do so. HL4396

Questions unanswered after 10 working days

The questions asked on the dates shown in bold were due for answer by the dates in brackets. The government department responsible for answering each question is shown in square brackets.

28 October (11 November)

HL3012 Baroness Kennedy of Cradley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

1 November (15 November)

HL3134 Lord Warner [Department of Health and Social Care]

8 November (22 November)

HL3282 Baroness Kennedy of Cradley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3279 Baroness Jones of Whitchurch [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3291 Baroness Redfern [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

17 November (1 December)

HL3519 Lord Rogan [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

21 November (5 December)

HL3605 Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

22 November (6 December)

HL3656 Baroness Kennedy of Cradley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

23 November (7 December)

HL3705 Baroness Jones of Whitchurch [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3736 Lord Warner [Department of Health and Social Care]

24 November (8 December)

HL3742 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

28 November (12 December)

HL3791 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3792 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3793 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3807 Baroness Lister of Burtsett [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3824 Lord Truscott [Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities]

29 November (13 December)

HL3839 Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3858 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3838 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

30 November (14 December)

HL3912 Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3875 Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3909 Baroness Redfern [Department for Education]

1 December (15 December)

HL3934 Baroness Humphreys [Home Office]

HL3945 Baroness Parminter [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3946 Baroness Parminter [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

HL3960 Lord Taylor of Warwick [Department for International Trade]

HL3942 The Marquess of Lothian [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3943 The Marquess of Lothian [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3938 Lord Kamall [Department of Health and Social Care]

HL3928 Lord Alton of Liverpool [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

2 December (16 December)

HL3973 The Lord Bishop of St Albans [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]

HL3968 Baroness Kennedy of Cradley [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

Number of questions allocated to each department which are unanswered after 10 working days

Education (1)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (12)

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (6)

Health and Social Care (10)

Home Office (1)

International Trade (1)

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1)

Bills in Progress

	Type of Bill	To be considered
Waiting for Second Reading		
Finance Bill (<i>Supply and Money Bill—1 December</i>)	Government	20 December
OFCOM (Duty regarding Prevention of Serious Self-harm and Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Advocate Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Water Safety (Curriculum) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Employment and Trade Union Rights (Dismissal and Re-engagement) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Marine Protected Areas (Bottom Trawling) Bill [HL] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Private Member's	
Marriage (Same Sex Couples) (Overseas Territories) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Road Traffic Offences (Cycling) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (Amendment) (Siblings) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Certificate of Loss Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Leasehold Reform (Reasonableness of Service Charges) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Leasehold Reform (Disclosure and Insurance Commissions) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) (No. 2) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Regulated and Other Activities (Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Service (Integrity and Ethics) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (Freedom of Expression) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Leasehold Reform (Tribunal Judgments and Legal Costs) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Higher Education (Widening Access and Participation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Mobile Homes (Pitch Fees) Bill	Private Member's	
Bank Holidays (Wales) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Leasehold Reform (Forfeiture) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection of Care Recipients and Carers Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Financial Services and Markets Bill	Government	
Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill	Government	
Committed to a Special Public Bill Committee		
Electronic Trade Documents Bill [HL] (<i>Law Commission Bill</i>)	Government	
Committed to a Grand Committee		
Energy Bill [HL] (<i>King's and Prince of Wales' consents to be signified</i>)	Government	19 December

Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

Local Authority (Housing Allocation) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Government of Wales (Devolved Powers) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Women, Peace and Security Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Genocide Determination Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
House of Lords (Peerage Nominations) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill	Government	
Health Promotion Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
School (Reform of Pupil Selection) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Protection for Whistleblowing Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
National Security Bill	Government	19 December

Waiting for Report

Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>) (<i>Welsh legislative consent withheld</i>)	Government	
Ecology Bill [HL] (<i>formerly Climate and Ecology Bill [HL]</i>)	Private Member's	
Front-loaded Child Benefit Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Public Order Bill	Government	
Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Government	

Waiting for Third Reading

Schools Bill [HL]	Government	
Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Domestic Premises (Electrical Safety Certificate) Bill [HL] (<i>King's consent to be signified</i>)	Private Member's	
Heritage Railways and Tramways (Voluntary Work) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Healthy Homes Bill [HL]	Private Member's	

Sent to the Commons

UK Infrastructure Bank Bill [HL]	Government	
Social Housing (Regulation) Bill [HL]	Government	
Seafarers' Wages Bill [HL]	Government	
Ballot Secrecy Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill [HL]	Private Member's	
Procurement Bill [HL]	Government	

Returned to the Commons amended

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill	Government	
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Examination of Petitions for Private Bills**Monday 19 December at 11:00am, in Committee Room 2**

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery

Royal Albert Hall

City of London (Markets)

Statutory Instruments in Progress

Affirmative Instruments waiting for consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

Energy Bill Relief Scheme Pass-through Requirement (Heat Suppliers) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2023

Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2023

Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023

Draft Local Government (Structural Changes) (Supplementary Provision and Amendment) Order 2023

Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code H) Order 2023

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 17) Regulations 2022

Draft Trade (Mobile Roaming) Regulations 2023

Draft Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023

Draft Nuclear Regulated Asset Base Model (Revenue Collection) Regulations 2023

Affirmative Instruments waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft International Waste Shipments (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 *41st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, Session 2019–21*

Draft Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code A) Order 2022 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2022 *19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (20 December)*

Draft Public Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2022 *(19 December)*

Draft South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (Transfer of Functions) Order 2023 *(19 December)*

Draft Architects Act 1997 (Amendment) Regulations 2022 *20th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Product Safety and Metrology (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 *20th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (19 December)*

Draft National Health Service (NHS Payment Scheme—Consultation) (No. 2) Regulations 2022

Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Late Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 *(19 December)*

Draft Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2023

Draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) Regulations 2022 *21st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2022 *(20 December)*

Draft Civil Legal Aid (Housing and Asylum Accommodation) Order 2023

Negative Instruments

National Health Service Pension Schemes (Member Contributions Etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 *15th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ended 18 November*

National Health Service (Primary Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 *18th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ended 13 December*

Subsidy Control (Information-Gathering Powers) (Modification) Regulations 2022 *19th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 17 December*

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2022 *20th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 12 January*

Ammonium Nitrate Materials (High Nitrogen Content) Safety (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 *20th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 10 January*

Data Protection (Adequacy) (Republic of Korea) Regulations 2022 *21st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 19 January*

Tax Credits Act 2002 (Additional Payments Modification and Disapplication) Regulations 2022 *21st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 17 January*

Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 *22nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Praying time ends 28 January*

Human Rights Remedial Orders

Draft order under paragraph 2(a) referred to the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022 *Scrutiny period expired: 11 December*

Draft order waiting for Affirmative Resolution

Draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022 *(7th Report)*

Treaties before the House

Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the United Kingdom on Mutual Recognition in relation to Conformity Assessment *Scrutiny period expires: 16 January 2023*

Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 22 November 2017, amending the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons 2022 *Scrutiny period expires: 20 January 2023*

Retirement

The following member of the House has given notice of his intention to retire.

Lord Lawson of Blaby (31 December)

Select Committee Reports awaiting a Government response after two months

The Government has undertaken to respond in writing to the reports of select committees, if possible, within two months of publication. Only in exceptional circumstances should a response be deferred for more than six months after the report's publication. If it appears likely that a response may be received later than two months after the date of publication, the department concerned should write to the Committee explaining the reasons and indicating the likely timetable.

Human Rights Committee *The Violation of Family Life: Adoption of Children of Unmarried Women 1949–1976* (3rd Report, HL Paper 43), (response due 15 September, no further date agreed for a response) [Department for Education]

Science and Technology Committee *“Science and technology superpower”: more than a slogan?* (1st Report, HL Paper 47), (response due 4 October, response expected 10 January 2023) [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy]

COMMITTEES

Committees

Only the next meeting of each Committee is listed below. Further details of these meetings, and of planned further meetings, may be found in the House of Lords Committees Weekly Bulletin.

Monday 19 December

Restoration and Renewal Client Board	The Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House	4.45pm
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Tuesday 20 December

Industry and Regulators Committee	Room 2A	10.30am
Communications and Digital Committee		2.15pm
Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	3.45pm
European Affairs Committee	Room 3-20, Millbank House	4.00pm

Wednesday 21 December

Justice and Home Affairs Committee	Room 4A	10.00am
Environment and Climate Change Committee	Room G-32, Millbank House	10.00am
International Relations and Defence Committee	Virtual meeting	10.00am

Monday 9 January

Finance Bill Sub-Committee		4.00pm
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Tuesday 10 January

Human Rights (Joint Committee)	Room 16	9.30am
Science and Technology Committee		10.00am
Built Environment Committee		10.15am
Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Health Bill	Room 15	3.15pm

Wednesday 11 January

Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland Sub-Committee		2.45pm
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)	Virtual meeting	3.40pm

Wednesday 18 January

Finance Committee	Room 3A	3.15pm
Conduct Committee	2-03 Millbank House	4.00pm

Monday 23 January

Committee of Selection	Room 2A	4.00pm
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Thursday 26 January

Services Committee	Committee Room G	12.15pm
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Wednesday 1 February

House of Lords Commission	The Lord Speaker's Room	10.00am
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Monday 6 February

Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission	Room 13	3.00pm
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Tuesday 7 February

Procedure and Privileges Committee	Room 4A	11.30am
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Minutes of Proceedings of Friday 16 December 2022

The House met at 10.00am.

Prayers were read by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

1 **Oath** Delyth Jane Baroness Morgan of Drefelin took and subscribed the oath.

Public Business

2 **BBC: future funding (Communications and Digital Committee Report)** Baroness Stowell of Beeston moved that this House takes note of the Report from the Communications and Digital Committee *Licence to Change: BBC future funding* (1st Report, HL Paper 44). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

3 **Public services: workforce (Public Services Committee Report)** Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top moved that this House takes note of the Report from the Public Services Committee *Fit for the future? Rethinking the public services workforce* (1st Report, HL Paper 48). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4 **Cabinet Manual: revision (Constitution Committee Report)** Baroness Drake moved that this House takes note of the Report from the Constitution Committee *Revision of the Cabinet Manual* (6th Report, Session 2021–22, HL Paper 34). After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 3.38pm until Monday 19 December at 2.30pm.

Simon Burton
Clerk of the Parliaments

Papers

All statutory instruments laid before the House are accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum presented by command of His Majesty, unless otherwise indicated.

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the House:

- 1 Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (1328)
- 2 Apprenticeships (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (1341)
- 3 Draft Derby (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (—)
- 4 Draft Havant (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (—)
- 5 Draft Slough (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (—)
- 6 Draft Southampton (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (—)

